

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE FROM ORLEANS COUNTY

IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT OF 1904.

A Group Photograph and a Short Biographical Sketch of Each.

Without casting any discredit on Vermont's legislative bodies heretofore it is generally admitted that the legislature of 1904 was one of the most efficient and strongest body of lawmakers the state has ever had together. Many important measures were passed and the fact is that more progress was made toward better government than has been made before in recent years. A few of the important acts are: creating the office of attorney-general, amending the liquor license law, appropriating \$60,000 for Morrill hall at our Agricultural college, creating a school fund, amending the caucus law, creating a tuberculosis commission, and many others also that seem on the outside like minor matters but that are really important. It is to be regretted that the act providing for the plurality election of representatives was not passed and that certain state officials' salaries were not raised; some would also add the act abolishing capitol punishment and the act granting municipal suffrage to women, but opinions vary widely on these questions.

All through the session Orleans County members were among the leaders and we fail to find another county having as many able members in the house. We have several times before spoken of our members editorially and of the place they hold at the capitol and it is sufficient to say that every resident of Orleans County should feel proud of her showing.

SENATORS AND OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

CHAUNCEY S. SKINNER
OF BARTON,

Republican, was born in Newport, February 1, 1850; occupation, manufacturer and dealer in lumber; located in town in 1870; was educated in the common schools; was a member of the House in 1888 and served on the Committee of Claims; has held various town offices. Post-office address, Barton Landing.

Chairman of the committee on corporations of the standing committees of the senate and on the committee on immigration and industrial interests of the joint standing committees.

GEORGE HERBERT PROUTY
OF NEWPORT,

Republican, was born in Newport, March 4, 1862; is a lumber manufacturer; was educated in High School of Newport, St. Johnsbury and at Bryant and Stratton Business College of Boston; was a member of the House in 1896 to 1897 and water commissioner from 1897 to 1902. Post-office address, Newport.

Member of committee on banks, and general committee, of the standing committees of the senate; was chairman of committee on immigration and industrial interests and member of the committee on game and fisheries of the joint standing committees.

MARCELLUS W. FARMAN
OF WESTFIELD,

Republican; chaplain; was born in Westfield, July 29, 1865; he is a Congregational clergyman; was educated in the common schools of Westfield, Johnson Normal School and the University of Vermont. Chaplain of the Senate in 1902. Post-office address, Westfield.

REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

OLIN MARTIN ROWELL
OF ALBANY,

Republican, was born in South Albany, June 15, 1869; he is a farmer; was educated in the public schools; was selectman for several years. Post-office address, South Albany. On the committee on elections.

WILLARD W. MILES
OF BARTON,

Republican, was born in Albany, February 6, 1845; he is a lawyer; was educated in the common schools of Albany, academies of Barnston and Hatley, P. Q., and at Glover Institute; was a member of the Senate in 1894 and of the House in 1872 and 1878; was superintendent of schools in Albany for several years; was town clerk of Craftsbury from 1874 to 1881; was superintendent of schools in Craftsbury in 1876 and 1877, and was State's attorney of Orleans County from 1890 to 1894. Post-office address, Barton. On committee on Ways and Means, and on judiciary committee.

JARED A. JOSLYN
OF BROWNINGTON,

Republican, was born in Brownington, December 1, 1843; he is a farmer; was educated in the public schools of Brownington. Post-office address, Brownington. On committee on land tax.

CLARK ROYCE
OF CHARLESTON,

Republican, was born in Charleston, June 19, 1840; is a farmer; was educated in the public schools; was corporal of Co. D. 3rd Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry; was justice of the peace for twenty years and selectman for several years. Post-office address, East Charleston. On committee on military affairs.

WILLIAM WILDER DOW
OF COVENTRY,

Republican, was born in Coventry, April 19, 1845; he is a farmer; was educated at Coventry; was selectman for three years, and has been justice

CHARLES BURT COOK
OF GREENSBORO,
Republican, was born in Greensboro, January 25, 1868; he is a farmer; was educated in district schools and at Craftsbury Academy, was selectman for six years. Post-office address, Greensboro. On committee on State prison.

ALFRED MERIELL LEBARON
OF HOLLAND,

Republican, was born in Canada, June 17, 1864; occupation, lumber dealer; was educated in the common schools. Post-office address, Derby Line. On committee on public buildings.

FRANKLIN A. BUCHANAN
OF IRASBURGH,

was born in Albany, May 27, 1853; is a merchant; was educated at public schools in Albany and at Orleans Liberal Institute; has been town treasurer for the past seventeen years. Post-office address, Irasburgh. On committee on claims.

GEORGE E. BARTLETT
OF JAY,

Republican, was born in Jay, December 26, 1867; he is a farmer; was educated at North Troy and in St. Johnsbury; is at present holding the offices of auditor, town treasurer and school director. Post-office address, Jay. On committee on town lines.

WILLIAM B. GILPIN
OF WESTFIELD,

Republican, was born in Troy in 1851; he is a farmer; was educated at common schools; has held the offices of justice of the peace, selectman and school director. Post-office address, Westfield. On committee on highways, bridges and ferries.

CHARLES H. ATKINS
OF WESTMORE,

Republican, was born in Cabot, June 28, 1864; he is a farmer, and located in town in 1889; has held the office of selectman, road commissioner, lister, school director and surveyor, the last three of which he still holds. Post-office address, Westmore. On committee on grand list.

BRADLEY M. CHASE
OF TROY,

Republican; assistant door keeper; was born in Cambridge, July 17, 1841; he is a deputy sheriff; he was educated in the common schools of Cambridge; for the past twenty years he has been deputy sheriff and for the last four years overseer of the poor; in 1869 and 1870 he was constable, and in 1867 and 1868 he was lister. Post-office address, North Troy. [Picture does not appear.]

toms in 1897. Post-office address, Newport.

JOHN WILLIAM REDMOND
OF NEWPORT,

Republican; Reporter of Decisions; born in Charlotte, Vt., January 24, 1861; is a lawyer, was educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1886; has been supervisor of Lamoille County. Post office address, Newport.

FRANK E. MILES
OF NEWPORT,

Republican; deputy auditor; was born in Albany, May 16, 1874; was educated at Newport Academy and three years under tutor; admitted to Vermont bar in 1897 and engaged in the practice of law at Newport. Post-office address, Newport.

JOHN C. CATTANACH
OF NEWPORT,

Republican; assistant sergeant-at-arms; was born in Dundee, P. Q., August 18th, 1873; he is a stenographer; he was educated in a private school at Halifax, N. S., and in the public schools of Sherbrooke, P. Q., and North Troy; he has held the offices of superintendent of schools during the year 1903-4 and of deputy sheriff. Post-office address, Newport.

four merchants, three lawyers three manufacturers, the other eleven are of various occupations. Fifty gave as their religious preference Congregationalist, five Methodist, three Universalist, two Episcopal, two Free Will Baptist, one Protestant Liberal, and one did not state preference.

Recapitulation of the House.

The House of Representatives composed of two hundred and forty-six members, of whom two hundred and six are republicans, thirty-two democrats, three independents, independent democrats, one citizen and one labor. Twenty-five have been members of the House before two have previously been members of the senate, and eight have previously been members of both House and Senate. Lester Fish of Ira is oldest, and Marshall Morrill Stebbins of Danville the youngest member. Two hundred and twelve of the members were born in Vermont, eight in New Hampshire, seven in New York, six in Canada, four in Massachusetts, two each in Maine, Minnesota, Ireland, one each in Michigan, England and Scotland. One hundred sixteen members of the House gave as their occupation farmers, eight merchants, twelve manufacturers, seven each lawyers and lumber dealers, six physicians, five lumbermen, the remaining seventy-five various occupations. Seventy members gave Congregationalist as their religious preference, forty-one Methodist, thirty-six Universalist, nine Baptist, 11 Catholic, ten Protestant Liberal, six Unitarian, Episcopalian, four Free Will Baptist, two Christian, one each Independent and Spiritualist, thirty-three did not state a preference.

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of the peace for the past eight years. Post-office address, Newport. On committee on agriculture.

HOWARD A. SKINNER
OF CRAFTSBURY,

Republican, was born in Swanton, April 12, 1865; is a dealer in and manufacturer of lumber; was educated in common schools of Elmore, Wolcott and Burlington. Post-office address, Branch. On committee on corporations.

JOSIAH GROUT
OF DERBY,

Republican, was born in Canada, in 1842; is a farmer and lawyer; was educated at Orleans Liberal Institute and at St. Johnsbury Academy; was lieutenant captain and major of Co. 1, 1st Vermont Cavalry and 26th New York Cavalry; was a member of the Senate in 1892 and of the House in 1872, 1874, 1884, 1886 and 1888; was a trustee of Vermont University, trustee of the Soldiers' Home, and has held other similar positions; was Governor from 1896 to 1898. Post-office address, Derby. Chairman of committee on railroads, and member of committee on temperance.

HURAM N. DAVIS
OF GLOVER,

Republican, was born in Glover, August 11, 1865; is a farmer; was educated at common schools and at St. Johnsbury Academy; has held the offices of selectman, superintendent of schools and justice of the peace. Post-office address, Glover. On general committee.

FREEMAN FARMAN
OF LOWELL,

Republican, was born in Lowell in 1843; he is a farmer; was educated in the common schools; has held the offices of selectman, justice of the peace and school director. Post-office address, Lowell. On committee on insane.

ORVILLE P. WILCOX
OF MORGAN,

Republican, was born in Morgan, April 24, 1852; he is a farmer; was educated at common schools of Morgan. Post-office address, Morgan. On committee on mileage and debentures. On distributing committee.

EDWIN CLARENCE BLANCHARD
OF NEWPORT,

Republican, was born at Newport, March 23, 1863; occupation, hardware dealer and insurance agent; was educated at common schools of Newport; has held the offices of lister and village water commissioner. Post-office address, Newport. On committee on banks.

JOHN L. LEWIS
OF TROY,

Republican, was born in Berkshire, March 7, 1858; occupation, attorney at law, but is not practicing now; was also merchant and manufacturer, but has retired from business; was educated at St. Albans High School; admitted to the bar in 1877; has held the offices of post-master and town treasurer for the past twelve years. Post office address, North Troy. Chairman of special caucus committee.

STATE OFFICERS FROM ORLEANS COUNTY WHOSE PICTURES DO NOT APPEAR IN THE GROUP.

HORACE FRENCH GRAHAM
OF CRAFTSBURY,

Auditor of accounts. Republican; was born in New York, February 7, 1862; profession, lawyer; located in town in 1888; educated in the common schools and at Craftsbury Academy, and graduated at Columbia College, cum laude, in 1888, schools of Law and Political Science; was a member of the House in 1892, when he was chairman of the committee on revision of bills; has held all the usual town offices, and was State's attorney for Orleans County in 1898-1900—reelected in 1900—and presidential elector in 1900; member of the House in 1900; was elected auditor of accounts in 1902 and reelected in 1904.

ZOPHAR M. MANSUR
OF NEWPORT,

Republican; Collector of Customs for the District of Memphremagog; born in Morgan, November 23, 1843; profession, a lawyer, and located in Brighton in May, 1866; was educated at Derby Academy; was a corporal of Company K, Tenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers, and served three years in the War of the Rebellion; was postmaster at Island Pond from February 27, 1867, to November 10, 1885, and has repeatedly held various town offices; represented Brighton in the House of Representatives in 1886, when he served on the judiciary committee and on the committee on military affairs; Lieutenant Governor 1894-96; appointed Collector of Customs

Although Governor Bell was not born nor does he live in Orleans County, it seems fitting at this time to give a short sketch of the life of the chief magistrate of the state in connection with that of the law makers from Orleans County.

CHARLES JAMES BELL
OF WALDEN,

Republican; was born in Walden, March 10, 1845; he is a farmer; was educated in the common schools and at Peacham Academy; served in 15th Regiment Company B, Vermont Volunteers and was a recruit in Company C, 1st Vermont Cavalry; last year of the war was corporal No. 7; was a member of the Senate in 1894 and of the House in 1882; was railroad commissioner in 1895 and 1896; member of the Board of Agriculture in 1897 and 1898, and secretary of the board from 1899 to 1904; was secretary of the board of cattle commissioners from 1899 to 1902; treasurer of Vermont State Grange from 1872 to 1894 and Master of State Grange from 1894 to the present time, and is now serving his second term of three years as member of Executive Court, National Grange. Post-office address, East Hardwick.

Recapitulation of the Senate.

The Senate is composed of thirty senators, all of whom are republicans; twenty-six have been members of the House. The oldest senator is Chester Dickey of Orange county; the youngest, Leighton P. Slack of Caledonia county. Twenty-seven of the senators were born in Vermont, one in New Hampshire, one in New York and one in Indiana. Of the thirty senators, nine are farmers,

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